

REMARKS

In light of the above amendatory matter and remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully solicited.

The specification is amended as suggested by the Examiner.

In the Office Action under reply, the Examiner kindly found the subject matter defined by claim 3 to be allowable over the cited prior art. To expedite the prosecution of the present application to its successful conclusion, the subject matter of claim 3, together with the subject matter of claim 2, are added to claim 1 and claims 2 and 3 are canceled. As a consequence, claim 1 defines patentable subject matter and is in condition for allowance.

The objections set out at page 3, section 3 of the Office Action under reply have been addressed by the amendments to claims 1 and 11. To be consistent with the amendments to the independent claims, dependent claims 5, 7, 12, 13, 15 and 17 also are amended.

Non-elected claims 8-10 and 18-20 are canceled to remove any further objections that might delay the allowance of this application.

Accordingly, claims 1, 4-7 and 11-17 are presented for consideration. These claims are in condition for allowance; and early issuance of Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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